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115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. _____

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the use of educational assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs for flight training programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. IMPROVEMENTS TO ASSISTANCE PROVIDED**
2 **FOR CERTAIN FLIGHT TRAINING AND OTHER**
3 **PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.**

4 (a) USE OF ENTITLEMENT FOR PRIVATE PILOT'S LI-
5 CENSES.—Section 3034(d) of title 38, United States Code,
6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and” after
8 the semicolon;

9 (2) by striking paragraph (2); and

10 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
11 graph (2).

12 (b) ACCELERATED PAYMENTS FOR FLIGHT TRAIN-
13 ING.—Section 3313 of such title is amended by adding
14 at the end the following new subsection:

15 “(k) ACCELERATED PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN
16 FLIGHT TRAINING.—

17 “(1) PAYMENTS.—An individual enrolled in a
18 program of education pursued at an institution of
19 higher learning in which flight training is required
20 to earn the degree being pursued (including with re-
21 spect to a dual major, concentration, or other ele-
22 ment of such a degree) may elect to receive acceler-
23 ated payments of amounts for tuition and fees deter-
24 mined under subsection (c). The amount of each ac-
25 celerated payment shall be an amount equal to twice
26 the amount for tuition and fee so determined under

1 such subsection. The amount of monthly stipends
2 shall be determined in accordance with such sub-
3 section and may not be accelerated under this para-
4 graph.

5 “(2) CHARGE AGAINST ENTITLEMENT.—The
6 number of months of entitlement charged an indi-
7 vidual for accelerated payments made pursuant to
8 paragraph (1) shall be determined at the rate of two
9 months for each month in which such an accelerated
10 payment is made.”.

11 (c) FLIGHT TRAINING AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.—
12 Subsection (c)(1)(A) of such section 3313 is amended—

13 (1) in clause (i)—

14 (A) by redesignating subclauses (I) and
15 (II) as items (aa) and (bb), respectively;

16 (B) by striking “In the case of a program
17 of education pursued at a public institution of
18 higher learning” and inserting “(I) Subject to
19 subclause (II), in the case of a program of edu-
20 cation pursued at a public institution of higher
21 learning not described in clause (ii)(II)(bb)”;
22 and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following new
24 subclause:

1 “(II) In determining the actual net
2 cost for in-State tuition and fees pursuant
3 to subclause (I), the Secretary may not
4 pay for tuition and fees relating to flight
5 training.”; and

6 (2) in clause (ii)—

7 (A) in subclause (I), by redesignating
8 items (aa) and (bb) as subitems (AA) and
9 (BB), respectively;

10 (B) in subclause (II), by redesignating
11 items (aa) and (bb) as subitems (AA) and
12 (BB), respectively;

13 (C) by redesignating subclauses (I) and
14 (II) as items (aa) and (bb), respectively;

15 (D) by striking “In the case of a program
16 of education pursued at a non-public or foreign
17 institution of higher learning” and inserting
18 “(I) In the case of a program of education de-
19 scribed in subclause (II)”;

20 (E) by adding at the end the following new
21 subclause:

22 “(II) A program of education de-
23 scribed in this subclause is any of the fol-
24 lowing:

1 “(aa) A program of education
2 pursued at a non-public or foreign in-
3 stitution of higher learning.

4 “(bb) A program of education
5 pursued at a public institution of
6 higher learning in which flight train-
7 ing is required to earn the degree
8 being pursued (including with respect
9 to a dual major, concentration, or
10 other element of such a degree).”.

11 (d) CERTAIN PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION CARRIED
12 OUT UNDER CONTRACT.—Section 3313(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) of
13 title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection
14 (c)(2)(E), is amended by adding at the end the following
15 new item:

16 “(cc) A program of education
17 pursued at a public institution of
18 higher learning in which the public in-
19 stitution of higher learning enters into
20 a contract or agreement with an enti-
21 ty (other than another public institu-
22 tion of higher learning) to provide
23 such program of education or a por-
24 tion of such program of education.”.

25 (e) APPLICATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-
2 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
3 shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester, or
4 term, as applicable, commencing on or after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act.

6 (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS.—
7 In the case of an individual who, as of the date of
8 the enactment of this Act, is using educational as-
9 sistance under chapter 33 of title 38, United States
10 Code, to pursue a course of education that includes
11 a program of education described in item (bb) or
12 (cc) of section 3313(c)(1)(A)(ii)(II) of title 38,
13 United States Code, as added by subsections (c) and
14 (d), respectively, the amendment made by such sub-
15 section shall apply with respect to a quarter, semes-
16 ter, or term, as applicable, commencing on or after
17 the date that is two years after the date of the en-
18 actment of this Act.